



## Proposal Page

Budget Delegate	Kristine LaLonde	Idea #:	398 and 824
		ID:	18
		SVI:	2 (\$2,800,000) 4 (\$1,000,000)
		Budget:	\$74,000
Location	12South/Belmont Neighborhood and Natchez Trace and Blair		

### Short Description:

Place historic markers to highlight the African-American history of Belmont-12South area and install benches on Blair Boulevard and Natchez Trace.

### Long Description:

This project has two components that would enhance the streetscape and enrich the neighborhood. First, place historic markers throughout the Belmont-12South neighborhoods to tell the story of the neighborhood's black history, including Bass Street Neighborhood, Nashville's first post-emancipation black neighborhood; the former home of the Rev. Kelly Miller Smith; the Rose Hill development; and 12South African American businesses. "This history has largely been erased in the development of the neighborhood, and many current residents are unaware of it. The markers would serve as a reminder of past prosperity and the effects of Urban Renewal Programs."

Second, the project would enhance the neighborhood by placing benches along Blair Boulevard and Natchez Trace, two heavily used pedestrian corridors, the benches would be of particular importance to aging adults and those with disabilities.

### Metro Comments

- The submission suggested four locations for historical markers, however, we would suggest adding two additional locations for a total of six. The additional markers will allow us to tell a more complete history of the Belmont-12 South neighborhoods by including additional African American businesses. The approximate cost of a historical marker is \$4,000, and **\$24,000** will provide funding for six markers.
- Allowance to purchase and install 40 benches. **\$50,000**

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